in increased from 40 upto 45 and these 5 seats are offered to the children of such employees between 10th August to 30th September.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) PAC, in its 24th report, had expressed concern about the percentage of admission under the last priority gradually increasing during the period 2001-02 to 2004-05, and had asked for precise reasons.

Extra-Curricular Activities in Government Schools

3042. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to encourage Government schools to take up extra curricular activities of the students;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalayas running second shift lack infrastructure for extra curricular activities;

(c) whether it is a fact that such lack of extra curricular activities is more pronounced in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in New Delhi, specifically the Gole Market branch; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve the situation and the instructions issued to the school administration in respective Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) National Policy on Education, 1986 as modified in 1992 emphasizes the importance of activities like sports and games, health and physical education, art eduction and work-centred education as an integral part of the learning process. Accordingly, National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 has recommended inclusion of these activities in the formal schooling process and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) conducts the following co-curricular activities:

* Zonal and National Science Exhibitions
* Heritage India Quiz
* National Science Quiz.
* Group Mathematics Olympiad
* National Informatics Olympiad
* Essay Competitions on Road Safety and Pollution Control

Students from Government/Government Aided Schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, Central Tibetan Schools and private independent schools affiliated to CBSE participate in these activities every year.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi having second shifts have got requisite infrastructure for co-curricular activities. Kendriya Vidyalaya, Gole Market, has its own building and playground with all facilities to conduct co-curricular activities. The sports facilities available in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Gole Market include Volley Ball Court, Basket Ball Court, Skating Rink, Kho Kho Court, Lawn Tennis Court, and facilities for Athletics. However, there is always scope for further improvement of facilities, which is a continuous process.

Appointment of non-academics to University Bodies

3043. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Government of Karnataka has decided to nominate politicians to Syndicates and Academic Councils of the Universities;

(b) whether it is ethical or useful to send non-academics to university bodies; and

(c) whether his Ministry would intervene and advise the State Governments to reconsider their stand and nominate only educationists of eminence to university bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) State Universities are established under the respective Acts of State Legislatures. These Universities are competent to appoint members in their Syndicates and Academic Councils on the advise of the concerned State Governments as per the provisions of their respective Acts/Statues etc.

The Central Government does not interfere in the administrative matters of the State Universities.